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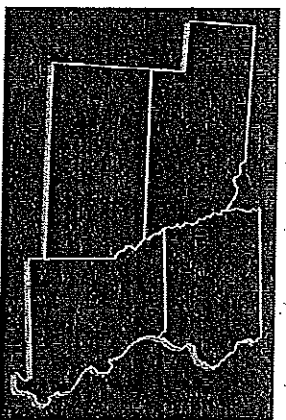
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Heartland Emergency Response Exchange

The results of this project will include a fully functional system for Emergency Operations Personnel (EOP) to access environmental data that originates from multiple organizations in a seamless, robust and intuitive manner.

The specific types of data served by each provider will be based on an assessment of availability, quality and completeness. Once balanced with the EOP access needs, these data elements will be implemented through a set of Web Services allowing the HERE client to provide a coherent view of this data to assist in response to emergency.

The Purpose

The purpose of this project is to develop an Internet-based process among the four states in EPA Region VII to provide available environmental, health, and natural resource information to state agencies involved in homeland security/emergency response planning and implementation utilizing the Exchange Network's infrastructure. The project will implement exchanges of facility data as well as other environmental information among multiple partners, including integrating and sharing the data from five agencies in Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, and Nebraska. The resulting data will be used to enhance decision-making and risk assessment for Homeland Security and/or Emergency Response situations occurring within or across state boundaries. The primary users of the Internet-based process will be state emergency planning agencies and EPA. Secondary users of the exchanges may be other state agencies, other federal agencies, local emergency planners, and others involved in homeland security/emergency response planning. Once completed, this solution could easily be expanded to include other state partners and potentially serve as a national model.

The Challenge

Effective homeland security and emergency management demands a combination of proactive preparation and reactive response. Much of this data is owned and managed by environmental agencies and yet should be highly accessible by emergency responders, within State Emergency Operations Centers (EOC) and local authorities. Historically, EOPs have only had limited access to this data which has hindered their ability to prepare for and respond to emergency situations. These limitations include:

- ▶ Missing data
- ▶ Unreliable data
- ▶ Disintegrated data systems
- ▶ Jurisdictional data isolation
- ▶ Communication infrastructure fallibility

These issues limit the EOP's abilities; however all of these constraints can be addressed using an already available technology.

The Solution

The advent of the Exchange Network (EN) has provided the necessary tools needed to support a robust and efficient exchange of data between environmental agencies and their partners. Many of the previously outlined challenges can now be addressed by the EN's ability to securely and reliably exchange data. Combined with a powerful data retrieval tool, the HERE project will incorporate a full life-cycle Internet-based data inquiry application based on the selected data flows at each agency with an intuitive, yet powerful data retrieval tool custom-developed to support the needs of the EOPs and many others.

